



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

February 10, 2004
Heckendorn

Mayor Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Chuck Lowry, Councilmembers Betty Heckendorn, Tom Robinson, Judee Wells, and John Rose.

EXCUSED: Malcolm Hickey

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens, Town Marshal Kyle Branum, Water Dept Manager Bob Durr.

GUESTS: WABA Representative Jim Airy.

MINUTES: Councilmember Rose moved to approve the January 13, 2004 minutes as amended. Councilmember Heckendorn seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Spens asked the Council for their thoughts on AWC's suggestion that City Councils pass resolutions describing the effects of the latest property-tax initiative on local revenues. Councilmember Rose reminded the Council of the audience reaction that seemed to be in support of I-695 when that initiative was discussed at a previous Council meeting. He commented that we may not wish to take any action. Councilmember Robinson stated that he would like to discuss the issue more before taking action. Councilmember Wells noted that providing information to residents should be seen as a good thing.

Councilmember Rose commented that it is difficult to identify the impact of this initiative because Beaux Arts has no services to cut. He added that if we do anything, his suggestion is to let Town residents know that the Town would lose 25% of its property-tax revenues if this initiative passes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilmember Rose asked that the record reflect that he has reviewed the Treasurer's Reports with supporting documentation for September 2003 through December 2003 and found them to be complete and accurate.

WARRANTS: Councilmember Rose moved to approve the February 10, 2004 warrants in the amount of \$14,279.87. Councilmember Robinson seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Marshal Branum reported that there were at least three mail-theft losses during January and that in all three cases mail was left in the mailbox overnight. He reported that a fourth mailbox was vandalized, though it is unclear if the box was the target or the mail inside. He suggested that residents be reminded to collect their mail daily or arrange for its collection if they will be out of town.

Mayor Lowry asked if we can get email addresses to notify people in Town when something like this happens. Marshal Branum answered that he has email addresses for all of the Block Watch Captains. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will work on collecting email addresses for residents.

Mayor Lowry also suggested that it may be timely to revisit the topic of locking mailboxes. He asked Clerk-Treasurer Spens to find out if we can use Criminal Justice money to pay for part or all of a project to install locking mailboxes on the existing mailstands, since such a project would be intended to prevent crime.

Bob Durr mentioned that his firm installs banks of locking mailboxes at all of their new developments. Mayor Lowry asked Mr. Durr to collect any information he may have at his office that might be informative. Mayor Lowry also asked Clerk-Treasurer Spens to collect information on stand-alone boxes – styles, costs, etc. – for the Council to review in March.

WABA REPORT: WABA Representative Jim Airy reported that the Spring Beach Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday April 24 and the Summer Picnic for July 17.

He also reported that WABA has twelve unresolved land-use issues with Town residents. He commented that WABA's efforts have been focused on resolving the issue with the Solaros but WABA trustees will begin contacting the others and working toward resolving them by the end of this year.

Mr. Airy asked if a new WABA strip was included in the documents recorded for the recent annexation along the northern Town boundary. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will get a copy of the recorded annexation drawings for WABA's records.

WATER REPORT: Water Dept Manager Bob Durr stated that he had nothing to report.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Councilmember Robinson reported that HazMat software will be available in April that should prove helpful to us in writing our Emergency Response Plan. Councilmember Heckendorn asked who would respond to a hazardous spill in the Village. Councilmember Robinson answered that he believes the Bellevue Fire Department would respond.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 207 APPROVING THE 2004 ARCH WORK PLAN AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET: Mayor Lowry noted that Beaux Arts has been contributing to ARCH for the past several years and asked Clerk-Treasurer Spens to include a note in the Town Bulletin letting residents know that their contributions through the Town are producing positive results in the community.

MOTION: Councilmember Heckendorn moved to adopt Resolution No. 207 approving the 2004 Budget and Work Program for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH).

Councilmember Rose seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 208 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR JAIL ADMINISTRATION:

Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained that this interlocal was brought forward to the Council tonight because the chair of the Jail Administration Group, Gary Long, hopes to get agreement from a majority of the participating cities by March 31, 2004. She cautioned that the language is still changing, so this resolution is written to authorize the Mayor to sign pending final approval from Town Attorney Wayne Stewart. It was the consensus of the Council to table discussion of this resolution until the March Council meeting in the hopes that final language will be incorporated into an agreement before that time.

TREE PRESERVATION ISSUES: Mayor Lowry opened the discussion by stating that this issue was brought up at the December Council meeting, primarily in the context of preserving the trees on Town property. He suggested that the Council may wish to ask the Planning Commission to assess the need for restrictions on the removal of trees on private property. Councilmember Heckendorn noted that there is a bill in the state legislature that would prohibit cities and towns from restricting a resident's right to remove from trees from his/her own property.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

Councilmember Robinson reported on behalf of Councilmember Hickey the following:

1. The Hillbergs have asked if they could remove trees, some of which are on town ROW and replant with trees more suitable for the area. These trees are under the power lines and were topped by the power company. The topping made for an ugly mess. The Hillbergs' landscaper would recommend more suitable trees – ones that wouldn't grow up into the overhead lines. Councilmember Hickey's report recommends that the Hillbergs be allowed to proceed with these changes. It was the consensus of the Council that they support Councilmember Hickey's recommendation.
2. The Hobbs have a large ivy-covered big-leaf maple that was severely trimmed by the power company, and its stability is now questionable. The Hobbs would share in the cost of removal – about 1/3 of the tree is on their property. Councilmember Hickey's report recommends that the Hobbs be allowed to proceed with these changes. It was the consensus of the Council that an arborist should be consulted first, and Councilmember Hickey should determine the appropriate action based on the arborist's findings.
3. Peter Justus is having trouble getting over the speed bump on SE 28th close to 5 Corners. Councilmember Hickey's report states that he has checked the bump with the Town's form and found it to be very close to being in conformance. He noted that it would take very little work by a paving contractor to correct – but he cannot see doing it until we have other major work to be done on the roads, as the cost to do otherwise would be prohibitive. Councilmember Hickey's report notes that Mr. Justus drives a BMW sports car that has very little clearance in

comparison to other cars. It was the consensus of the Council that if the existing speed bump conforms to the Town's form, the Town should not commit to making changes to it. Mayor Lowry added that he would check the speed bump out with his Porsche to see if he encounters a problem and report back to the Council.

Councilmember Wells reported that the Hertzbergs have responded to her inquiries and claim that the railroad ties were on the right of way when they purchased the property and don't believe they should have to pay for removing the ties. Councilmember Wells stated that she doesn't think much will be accomplished by arguing the point and recommends that the Town try to find someone to take them before paying to dispose of them. It was the consensus of the Council that they support Councilmember Wells' recommendation. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will contact WABA representative Aaron Sharp to see if WABA can use the ties at the beach and, if WABA cannot use them, she will place a note in the Town Bulletin seeking a new home for the ties.

ROAD SIGNS: Mayor Lowry reported that there is some interest among a few Town residents to determine what signs would be best to replace the existing ones. Clerk-Treasurer Spens added that she knows of a firm in Redmond that has done high quality work for other local cities and that she will contact them for pricing information. Councilmember Robinson noted that the City of Bellevue recently replaced signs along 105th south of the Village and urged other Councilmembers to take a look at them.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that their next meeting is scheduled for March 9th and will be at Councilmember Rose's house. Several Councilmembers noted that the April meeting is currently scheduled for the week that coincides with schools' Spring Breaks. It was the consensus of the Council to continue the April meeting one week from April 13 to April 20. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will post continuation notices at the appropriate time.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Heckendorn moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Councilmember Wells seconded.
Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer